Golden Quadrilateral Project

*532. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the "Golden Quadrilateral Project" for highways;

(b) the allocation made for this purpose for the year 2002-2003; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) The progress made in Golden Quadrilateral Project is as under:

Total Length	—	**5846 km**
Already 4-laned	—	1069 km
Under implementation	—	4693 km
Balance of civil work yet to be awarded	—	84 km

(b) The allocation on the Golden Quadrilateral Project for the year 2002-2003 is Rs. 6942 crores.

(c) The original date for completion of Golden Quadrilateral was December, 2004. The Project is now targeted for substantial completion by December, 2003.

Janata PCs

*533. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for providing something like Janata PCs at affordable price to the people; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?